

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Johnny Ford.
2. **INVOCATION.** Lord's Prayer Repeated in Unison.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.

PRESENT

Mayor Johnny Ford
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.
Council Member Georgette White Moon
Council Member Ala Whitehead

ABSENT

Council Member Frank Christopher Lee, II

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: requesting \$1000 from the reserve account for the "Shop in Tuskegee" Campaign and \$1000 from the reserve account for the Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District for a Joint Bank Account. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *November 10, 2015*

Motion was made by Council Member Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Council Member Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS.** NONE.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** *Mayor Johnny Ford*

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. Parks & Recreation: *Tuskegee Jr. Tigers Football Team*
- C. "Shop Tuskegee Campaign". (*Holiday Shopping; requesting \$1000*)

Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood asked to table the request of \$1000 for the Shop in Tuskegee Campaign from the reserve account due to the financial situation and challenges in the budget.

- D. Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District: Funding for Joint CD Bank Account (*requesting \$1000*)

Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood asked to table the request of \$1000 for the Tuskegee-UBT Cooperative District for a Joint Bank Account from the reserve account due to the financial situation and challenges in the budget.

- E. CDBG Grant Application Award: \$450,000.00 for Demolition/Street Revitalization
- F. Announcements:
 - Parks & Recreation will have a Charity Football Game on Friday, November 27, 2015 at Henderson Park at 3:00 PM (\$1 donation or a can of food)
 - Parks & Recreation Basketball Registration is ongoing and the season will start the second weekend in December

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** NONE.

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** James Harper, City Manager.

A. Council Updates / Concerns.

Soul Inn: Mr. Harper addressed the closing of Soul Inn. City Manager and City Attorney have identified the violation and complaints that were against the Soul Inn; and the License does expire at the end of the calendar year. City Manager indicated that Mr. Frank Walker had a discussion with Chief Patrick the Friday before Homecoming and he indicated that he does not plan to continue operating and the club is now closed.

Trader Building: Mr. Brownlee asked for an opportunity to provide a quote to do the necessary work on improving the building. As it relates to the ownership of the Trader Building, there are several relatives that need to sign off on the sale of the Trader Building and an account would need to be opened by the Court before things can be finalized.

B. Street Maintenance Activities.

C. Financial Report.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept the financial report as circulated. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

D. Head Start Report.

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to accept the Head Start report as circulated. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

E. Employee Recognitions: *Fire Dept. "Years of Service"*

- *Sandra "Sandy" Howard "10 Years of Service"*

F. Announcements:

- City of Tuskegee will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for Thanksgiving
- City of Tuskegee Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015.
- City of Tuskegee/UBT Joint Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015
- District II Community Meeting jointly with District III Community Meeting will be held on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium; Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Georgia will be the guest.
- Monday, November 30, 2015 the 60th Anniversary Bus Boycott movement in Montgomery, Alabama at the Tuskegee History Center
- Tuesday, December 1, 2015 they will be at the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will be the keynote speaker; Theme: "The role of lawyers in the Civil Rights Movement"

Motion was made by Council Member Moon to have the 2nd regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on third Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the regular times, Work Session at 5:30 PM and Council Meeting at 6:00 PM. (No meeting on December 22, 2015)

11. **ORDINANCES.**

12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

A. Resolution No. 2016-5. 2016 Severe Weather Preparedness Tax Holiday.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-5
A Resolution implementing the 2016 Severe Weather
Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday (February 26-28, 2016)

WHEREAS, the 2016 Severe Weather Sales Tax Holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016 and ends at twelve midnight on Sunday, February 28, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Sales Tax Holiday Rule requires a participating county or municipality to submit a certified copy of their adopted resolution or ordinance providing for the Sales Tax Holiday, and any subsequent amendments thereof, to the Alabama Department of Revenue before January 26, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Revenue will compile a list of counties and municipalities participating in the Sales Tax Holiday and issue a current publication on its website.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama as follows:

1. That the City of Tuskegee intends to participate in the 2016 Sales Tax Holiday.
2. That the City Manager submits the necessary form and a certified copy of this resolution to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this 24th day of November, 2015.

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CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

James W. Harper, City Manager

B. Resolution No. 2016-6. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Robin Washington Cabiness Banks.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Robin Washington Cabiness Banks. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-6

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Robin Washington Cabiness Banks

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. She, of whom we speak is Robin Washington Cabiness Banks; and with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did, the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour; and

WHEREAS, Robin was the daughter of the late Margaret Washington Cabiness Clifford and the late Marshall S. Cabiness, and the great granddaughter of Booker T. Washington, the founding principal of the then Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute now Tuskegee University.; and

WHEREAS, Robin attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and graduated from eighth grade at the Chambliss Children's House on the campus of Tuskegee Institute. Robin went on to graduate from Tuskegee Institute High School. After attending Tuskegee University she graduated from Columbia College and received her Masters of Education from Tuskegee University; and

WHEREAS, Robin throughout her life was a proponent of her great grandfather's legacy teaching character building, industriousness and self-help. She taught middle school and later wrote children's books and was a motivational speaker.

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Robin Washington Cabiness Banks and express sympathy to her son Clarence, her brother Marshall, her aunt and a host of cousins and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Robin Banks.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

C. Resolution No. 2016-7. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of David Hoytt. (former member of City of Tuskegee Planning Commission)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated Celebrating & Remembering the Life of David Hoytt. (Former member of City of Tuskegee Planning Commission) Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of David C. Hoytt
Former member of City of Tuskegee Planning Commission

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak, is David C. Hoytt, former member of the City of Tuskegee Planning Commission; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour;

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of David Hoytt and express sympathy to his wife, Marilyn, his parents, John Fletcher and Eunice Grubbs, his sister, his children, his grandchildren, his extended family and friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Resolution and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of David C. Hoytt.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

D. Resolution No. 2016-8. Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Rev. Vernon Jones. (Former Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church).

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated Celebrating & Remembering the Life of Rev. Vernon Jones. (Former Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church). Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-8

Celebrating & Remembering the Life of the Reverend Vernon A. Jones, Jr.
Former Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

WHEREAS, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak, is the Reverend Vernon A. Jones, Jr.; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life during his 33 years at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour;

WHEREAS, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Reverend Vernon A. Jones, Jr. and express sympathy to his daughters, Frances Cecilia Peterson,

Harriet "Lyn" (Charles) Thompson, and Lillian Vernelle (Jeffrey) Rowser, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his sister, his extended family and friends and former parishioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Resolution and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of the Reverend Vernon A. Jones.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



Johnny Ford, Mayor

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Attorney Gray stated that the most immediate thing on our agenda is the Cox case. The parties have been instructed to provide proposed orders to the Circuit Court Judge by Friday so both parties should have their proposed orders in; and presumably there will be an order on the local part that was remaining. Atty. Gray stated that with respect to day to day activities, he is in regular contact and communication advising the City Manager; and in regular contact with the City Clerk as well as the department heads and various witnesses in various cases that are pending. Lastly he state that he would be happy to answer any questions that council may have. Atty. Gray stated that he will have the printed confidential report at the next Council meeting.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk